Zoological Medicine Rotation

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What Makes Zoological Medicine Unique?

• There is no typical day as a zoo veterinarian – “jack of all trades”
• Huge range of patient sizes
• There is a lot not known about our patients
• Husbandry is a critical aspect of preventive medicine
• Many of our patients could seriously injure you
Zoological Medicine Rotation

• Rotation emphasis:
  • Preventive medicine in zoological institutions
  • Emergency zoological medicine
  • All creatures, great and small

• Requirements:
  • Take one rotation of Special Species and Anesthesia prior to Zoological Medicine

• Best time to take:
  • Only 8 slots offered 2020-2021
Zoological Medicine Rotation

• Clinics schedule:
  • Varies by the week!
  • Typically M-F 8 am to 6 pm
  • Generally HVZ MWF, other facilities T/Th
• Weekend duty: hospitalized cases and emergencies
Zoo Med Rotation Expectations

• Exposure to a variety of zoological medicine cases and institutions
• Hands on experiences – physical examination, anesthesia, sample collection, treatments
Zoo Med Rotation Expectations

• Apply knowledge of domestic animal medicine to zoo animals
  • Formulate differential diagnoses, select appropriate diagnostic tests
  • Evaluate blood work and radiographs
  • Create appropriate therapeutic plans

• Discover useful zoological medicine resources
Partner Institutions

- Dane County Humane Society Wildlife Center
- DNR MacKenzie Environmental Center
- International Crane Foundation
- Ochsner Park Zoo
- Milwaukee County Zoo
Zoo Med Service Expectations

- Punctuality, professionalism
- Preparation for cases ahead of time
- Assistance with medical records
- Active participation in rounds
- Willingness to go with the flow
Questions?